



IFW

SE-US045196

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	<b>Attn: Mail Stop Amendment</b>
Tatsuo HARA et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 2841
Serial No.: 10/578,144	:	
Filed: May 3, 2006	:	
For: TIMEPIECE AND SPRING THEREOF	:	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. ***No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.*** However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waives the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. patent application publication.

\* \* \*

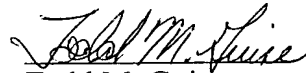
U.S. Patent No. 5,409,518 is believed to be an English language counterpart of the Japanese Publication No. 05-9630, and is cited in lieu of a translation because the U.S. counterpart is believed to overlap sufficiently to understand the relevance of the Japanese Publication No. 05-9630

U.S. Patent No. 5,114,504 is believed to be an English language counterpart of the Japanese Publication No. 05-43969, and is cited in lieu of a translation because the U.S. counterpart is believed to overlap sufficiently to understand the relevance of the Japanese Publication No. 05-43969.

Serial No.: 10/578,144  
Filed: November 1, 2004

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd M. Guise  
Reg. No. 46,748

GLOBAL IP COUNSELORS, LLP  
1233 Twentieth Street, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202)-293-0444  
Dated: 1/10/07

G:\01-JAN07-MLB\SE-US045196 IDS.doc

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

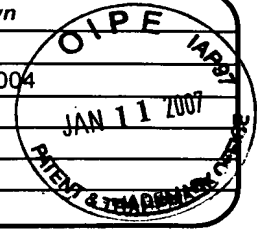
# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/578,144
Filing Date	November 1, 2004
First Named Inventor	Tatsuo HARA
Group Art Unit	2841
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	SE-US045196



## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP-H05-9630-A	01-19-1993	SAITO et al.		N
		JP-H05-43969-A	02-23-1993	ABUJUDOM, II et al.		N
		JP-2001-246029-A	09-11-2001	FURUTA et al.		Y

Examiner  
Signature

Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04.

<sup>3</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>4</sup> See KINUS Codes under "Patent Documents" at [www.kinuss.com](http://www.kinuss.com). <sup>5</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>7</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**